(c) Does not arise.

(d) Ministry is responsible for National Highways. Kanwariyas comprise of pedestrian traffic. It is the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate facilities for such traffic.

Two wheeler accidents

3693. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two wheelers accidents are increasing alarmingly in the country due to riding of more than two persons, particularly carrying children on two wheelers;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent such incidents; and

(c) the details of the persons died/injured as a result thereof in Karnataka during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The Ministry does not compile data regarding accidents of two wheelers separately. The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 forbids more than two persons, including driver to ride a two wheeler. The enforcement of the provisions is done by the State Governments.

(c) No such details are maintained by this Ministry.

Additional assistance for maintenance of NHs in Rajasthan

†3694. SHRI PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated any additional assistance for construction and maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the items of work, to be taken up in respect of National Highways in the State has been finalised?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Funds allocated to Rajasthan State for the development and maintenance of National Highways during the year 2002-2003 were Rs. 93.89 crores and Rs. 33.86 crores respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Repair of NH-52

3695. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1018 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the breached portion besides most part of pits and potholes of the NH-52 remain unrepaired till March, 2003, as assured;

(b) whether the area beyond Samarajan Breach is susceptible to cut off during summer;

(c) if so, the details of the repair work done and the action taken to ensure road link during summer;

(d) whether Bailey Bridge is considered a solution in those vulnerable areas;

(e) if so, the response thereto; and

(f) the action plan finalised to strengthen, widening and protection of NH-52 during the Tenth Plan showing work-wise outlay, target fixed, allocation made and the achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Rehabilitation works of breached portion of NH-52 are in progress and are expected to be completed before next onset of monsoons. However, the potholes in the entire road stretch have since been repaired to provide a reasonable riding surface.

(b) and (c) The rehabilitation works on NH-52 beyond Samarajan by means of repair of Semi Permanent Timber bridges, making up breached portion of embankment including protection work are in advance stage of completion and are expected to be completed before onset of monsoons.